GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES UNDER SIDF
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is implementing schemes under Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the current status of the ongoing and pending projects?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (Dr.Jitendra Singh)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Finance Minister in his budget speech for 2008-09 (at Para 41) announced to set apart a sum of Rs. 500 crore for NER, especially for Arunachal Pradesh and other border areas facing special problems that cannot be tackled through normal schemes. The objective of this special provision was to identify the urgent needs of these areas and address them through a special mecha- nism. This announcement was one of the initiatives in the budget 2008-09, provision for which is to be met out of the Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF)that is maintained in the Public account. Though the Budget of DoNER reflects an indicative provision for this purpose, the amount does not have any additio- nality in the GBS of the Ministry. As mentioned above, this indi- cative provision is debitable from the Public Account.

(c) Under this Scheme, 25 number of projects of total value Rs. 502.35 crore have been sanctioned against which Rs. 314.91 crore has been released.